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Excerpt from
White House (Bundy) Memo for
SecDef and Chairman, USIB
Dated 7 Feb 64 - Subject:
National Signals Intelligence Product

NSC/PFIAB Review Completed.

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Evaluation of the Signals Intelligence Product

The Board recommends that steps be taken to introduce generally effective evaluation techniques into the signals intelligence community, with a view to ensuring the objective assignment to the signals intelligence community of tasks and priorities derived from a realistic estimate of the value of the intelligence likely to be produced. (We concur in the Panel's observation that the desired techniques can only be evolved through a comprehensive study of the entire signals intelligence operation, including the sources of such intelligence, its processing, and the ultimate use made of it. We suggest such a study be made through the combined efforts of signals intelligence experts within Government and outside experts in the field of modern management techniques. We believe that the recent extensive study of documentation and information handling within the community, known as the SCIPS Study, gives an important access to methods of evaluation, since for the first time a comprehensive and manageable survey of the articulation of the intelligence product and circulation to its users has been made.)

Transmitting a memorandum prepared by the
President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory
Board, dated 30 Jan 64 (SC-01431/64)

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11 May 1964

Dear

As you know the United States Intelligence Board on the 22nd of April and again on the 29th considered the report of the Staff for the Community Information Processing Study. This was a significant milestone on the long journey of our mutual endeavors toward progress in solving intelligence information handling problems, an area of ever increasing concern to the Intelligence Community and the individual members thereof.

I am very pleased to pass on to you, and to make a matter of official record, the Chairman's and the Board's unanimous expression of appreciation in concluding "that the SCIPS Staff, and in particular its director, should be commended for a useful job well done."

None better than I knows of the difficulties which you had to overcome to bring this project to a successful conclusion. The scope and nature of the effort has been unique; the ramifications will predictably be appreciable. I am happy to add my personal thanks to you as well as that of the USIB Committee on Documentation.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Borel
Chairman
USIB Committee on Documentation